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H. RES. 420

Unequivocally condemning the damaging rhetoric of Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, United States Army, which has promoted hateful stereotypes of the religion of Islam.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 28, 2003

Mr. HINCHEY submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Lieutenant General William G. Boykin, United States Army, who is currently serving as Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and War-Fighting Support, has on several occasions made disparaging and hostile remarks toward Islam and Muslims in public forums and while in uniform;

Whereas Lieutenant General Boykin has cast the current war against terrorism as a religious conflict between cultures;

Whereas incendiary rhetoric of this nature can neither be excused nor rationalized;

Whereas Lieutenant General Boykin’s remarks are disgraceful and could serve to incite further sectarian violence;

Whereas the United States is a nation dedicated to religious tolerance and freedom;

Whereas President George W. Bush, following a meeting with Muslim leaders in Indonesia on October 21, 2003, stated that Lieutenant General Boykin’s remarks “didn’t reflect my opinion” and “doesn’t reflect what the government thinks”; and

Whereas on October 24, 2003, President Bush stated that “Islam is a peaceful religion, and people who practice the Islamic faith have made great contributions to our Nation and the world”: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) unequivocally condemns the damaging rhetoric of Lieutenant General William G. Boykin,
3 United States Army, which has promoted hateful
4 stereotypes of the religion of Islam; and
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6 (2) reaffirms the remarks made by President
7 George W. Bush on October 24, 2003, that “Islam
8 is a peaceful religion, and people who practice the
9 Islamic faith have made great contributions to our
10 Nation and the world”.

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